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LEARN WHAT'S 'GROWING ON' IN 2019 AT VETERANS TRIBUTE PARK



ST. CHARLES COUNTY, MO – If you are interested in the science of nature and the natural cycles of the ecosystems in our parks, then you won't want to miss the St. Charles County Parks and Recreation Department's 2019 Phenological Walks series at Veterans Tribute Park near Weldon Spring. This new interpretive program begins at 10 a.m., the first Friday of the month, from January through December, and is led by MaryAnn Fink, Park Horticulture Specialist.

Each guided walk lasts about one hour and focuses on a different aspect of nature each month. Participants will observe and discuss the cycles of budding plants, migrating birds and other naturally occurring and seasonal events that will take place at the park from year to year. Learning about phenology is a fascinating way to deepen your appreciation and understanding of nature.

During the first program of the series on Jan. 4, MaryAnn will talk about plants at the playground and around the lakes; the grey owl juniper shrubs in the landscape beds that border the parking lot; and how plant bud scales change as the weather changes. Interested participants should dress for the weather and meet at the informational kiosk next to the Destination Playground in the park.

The program is free and open to all ages, but registration is required. To register or for more information about each walk, call the Parks Department at 636-949-7535 or visit <http://bit.ly/2019PhenologicalWalks>.

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About St. Charles County Parks & Recreation

The St. Charles County Parks & Recreation Department offers unique parks, diverse facilities and a broad range of programs and special events for all ages. The County currently operates 15 parks, including a Youth Activity Park and The Historic Daniel Boone Home.

For more information and specifics about each park, visit stccparks.org.

About St. Charles County



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Founded in 1812, St. Charles County is one of the fastest growing counties in Missouri, and the state's third largest county in both population and economic share. It is home to 15 scenic county parks encompassing more than 3,643 acres with additional land under development and more in reserve for future development.

With a population of 395,504, St Charles County is home to large employers including General Motors, Citi, MasterCard Worldwide and Boeing. It is ranked among the top 25 counties in the nation in high-tech job growth by the Progressive Policy Institute and consistently has the lowest unemployment rate in the Metropolitan St. Louis area.

St. Charles County Government employs nearly 1,100 in more than 30 departments and offices, who work to make the county an excellent place to live, work and shop. For more information, please visit sccmo.org.